

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 8 are currently amended. Claims 2-7 and 9-12 are carried forward.

1. (Currently Amended) A toner release agent application roller comprising:

a roller shaft;

a ~~plurality of layers of a~~ textile web wound in a plurality of layers on said roller shaft, said textile web being formed of greater than 55% sub-denier fibers, said layers including an outer layer defining an outer surface of said roller, said outer surface being directly engageable with a surface of a fuser roller, said textile web having a high void volume per unit volume and a high surface area per unit volume and a high capillary force;

means securing an end of said outer layer to a second, underlying layer of said plurality of layers of said textile web; and

a release agent impregnated in said textile web to a level of between 2.5 and 500 grams/square ~~meterneters~~, said release agent being impartable to the fuser roller during said contact of said outer surface of said roller formed by said outer layer of said plurality of layers of said textile web, wound on said roller shaft, with the fuser roller, said high capillary force providing a high release agent retention capacity for said roller.

2. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 1 wherein said textile web includes a majority of splitable fibers.

3. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 2 wherein splitable fibers are ultra-fine.

4. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 3 wherein said ultra-fine fibers are between 0.05 denier and 0.35 denier.
5. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 1 wherein said textile web is formed of 100% sub-denier fibers.
6. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 2 wherein said splitable fibers have a linear density of no greater than 1 gram weight per 9000 meters of length.
7. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 1 wherein said textile web is a non-woven textile web.
8. (Currently Amended) The toner release agent application roller of claim 7 wherein said non-woven textile web is a spunbond / ~~hydroentangled~~ hydroentangled non-woven textile web.
9. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 1 wherein said textile web has an area weight of between 30 and 450 grams per square meter.
10. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 4 wherein at least 80% of said ultra-fine fibers are below 0.35 denier.
11. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller 1 wherein said release agent includes silicone oil.
12. (Previously Presented) The toner release agent application roller of claim 1 of claim 11 wherein said silicone oil has a viscosity between 10 and 100,000 centistoke.